

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for detecting a color characteristic, detecting motion, and removing the flesh color from the captured video.

The reference to Doi is cited as teaching removing the flesh color from the captured video. However, Doi merely uses the flesh color to identify a target. Doi does not ever remove the flesh color from the captured video.

Therefore, reconsideration of claim 1, its dependent claims, and claims 8-17 is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 has been amended to call for capturing an image of the speaker and using that captured image to determine the user's position. Based on the image determined user's position, a characteristic of a microfilm is automatically adjusted.

The reference to Uehara is cited as teaching a method and system for determining a user's position and, based on the position, adjusting a characteristic of a microphone. However, Uehara uses an ultrasonic system to determine the user's position. Uehara does not teach determining a user's position from captured image of the speaker.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 18, its dependent claims, claim 23 as amended and its dependent claims, is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 calls for, among other things, using an identified color and motion to implement background segmentation. The cited references to Sotoda and Doi have nothing to do with background segmentation and, therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 28-30 is respectfully requested.



In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

RECEIVED

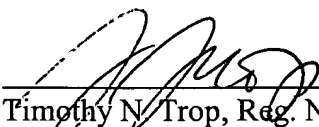
MAR 08 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Technology Center 2600

Date:

3/2/04



Timothy N. Trop, Reg. No. 28,994
TROP, PRUNER & HU, P.C.
8554 Katy Freeway, Ste. 100
Houston, TX 77024
713/468-8880 [Phone]
713/468-8883 [Fax]